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Call for Entries Cal/EPA Household Hazardous Waste Program Awards

Sacramento--Do you think your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program deserves statewide recognition? If so, then take advantage of this opportunity to compete against other programs run by California's cities, counties, nonprofit and private firms by participating in the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Household Hazardous Waste Program Awards.

"Innovative local programs are reducing the risks of waste disposal to our environment," California Secretary for Environmental Protection Peter M. Rooney said. "We want to acknowledge those programs and individuals who are leading the way in household hazardous waste collection and used oil recycling in California." Winning programs will be recognized and awarded during the third Annual Statewide Household Hazardous Waste Conference to be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, March 4-6, 1998.

The conference and the awards competition are cosponsored by Cal/EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB). DTSC's mandate is to protect public health and the environment through effective management and regulation of hazardous wastes. DTSC provides assistance to local entities who wish to establish household hazardous waste programs. The IWMB's mandate is in partnership with local government, industry, and the public to achieve a 50 percent reduction in waste disposed by the year 2000, while ensuring environmentally safe landfill disposal. The Board provides grant funding for local HHW programs.

Nominations or submittals are due to DTSC by January 30, 1998. Nominations are limited to a maximum of 500 words, but should be accompanied by photographs and any other supporting documentation as appropriate. Nomination packages and all accompanying items submitted become the property of the Awards Committee.

To obtain more information or to receive an award nomination package, please contact Judi Frantz by phone (916) 324-3614, FAX (916) 327-0978 or e-mail: jfrantz@hw1.cahwnet.gov

Award categories include:

OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE AWARD

To recognize an individual for outstanding service in promoting pollution prevention and the reduction of hazardous components in municipal waste streams, and otherwise

promoting California's environmental standards, including setting risk-based priorities using the best, most consistent science available, and preventing pollution from being created within the State.

BEST NEW PROGRAM AWARD

To recognize the best new HHW program implemented at the local level during the past year. The program should be balanced and include, at a minimum, HHW and used oil collection services, a public education/outreach component, and an evaluation mechanism.

CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR (CESQG) POLLUTION PREVENTION (P2) AWARD

To recognize the best or most innovative example of pollution prevention for CESQGs, a new process used by high priority CESQG businesses to reduce their hazardous waste, or a public/private partnership to promote P2 among CESQGs with documented results.

PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

To recognize a model, outstanding program that addresses household, used oil and CESQG hazardous waste management at the local level; the program should promote pollution prevention and the reduction of hazardous components in municipal waste streams. The program should be most comprehensive or balanced, (for example, including HHW, used oil and CESQG collection services) including both a strong educational component, and evaluation of program effectiveness. Programs recognized may include a large local or urban program, a small local or rural program, and/or a nonprofit program.

PROGRAM INNOVATION AWARD

To recognize unique and effective innovations in either HHW, used oil or CESQG services, including such categories as: best recycling/reuse strategies; best documented educational strategies resulting in positive behavior change(s); and/or best documented hazard reduction.

RURAL RANGER AWARD

To recognize a jurisdiction that has developed a comprehensive and sustainable HHW and/or used oil collection program in a rural area. Programs recognized may include both a large and small local or rural program, as well as a nonprofit program.

SMALLER IS BETTER AWARD

To recognize the program with the most innovative, sustainable HHW or used oil collection program accomplished with the least amount of grant money or other subsidies.

TOGETHERNESS AWARD

To recognize a public/private partnership that exemplifies outstanding coordination and cooperation in the implementation of a HHW and/or used oil collection program. The program should demonstrate increased efficiencies resulting from the committed involvement of all partners. Programs recognized may include regional partnerships.

Nominations postmarked on or before the deadline must be submitted to: Cal/EPA HHW

Awards Committee, c/o Judi Frantz, Department of Toxic Substances Control, P.O. Box 806 (HQ-5), Sacramento, CA 95812-0806 or overnight delivery to 400 P Street, Room 4310, Sacramento, CA 95814

The deadline for submitting nominations is close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, January 30, 1998. FAX's will not be accepted; no deadline exceptions will be made.

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